

Appl. No. 10/604,036
Amdt. dated August 15, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.121:

- I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a rounding method, classified in class 29, subclass 825.
- II. Claims 5-12, drawn to a tile based rounding method, classified in class 29,
5 subclass 830.
- III. Claims 13-21, drawn to a method for rounding signal traces, classified in class
29, subclass 832.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired
10 a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction
for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include
an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37
15 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of the claims to a non-elected
invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or
more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim
20 remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a
petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Response:

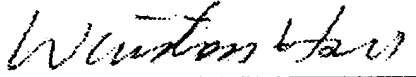
The Applicant has consequently amended the claims in the above Amendments to
25 the Claims section to elect the claims in Group II. Claims 5-12, drawn to a tile based
rounding method, are elected as the subject matter to be examined in the present

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application. Claims 1-4 and 13-21 are non-elected and therefore cancelled.

Sincerely yours,

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